

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given the application. The specification has been amended to insert headings.

Claims 1-3, 6-19 and 22 are pending in the application. Claim 4 and allowable claim 5 have been canceled and their subject matter has been generally incorporated into claim 1. Allowable claim 12 has been amended to stand as an independent claim. Claim 6 has been amended to not depend upon a canceled claim. Claims 20 and 21 have been canceled.

Acknowledgement of the allowability of claims 5-7 and 12 is noted with appreciation.

Rejection under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 1, 4, 8-11 and 13-22 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 1,510,547 in view of DE 2949107. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to generally incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 5, which was free of this rejection, thus rendering claim 1 instantly allowable. Claims depending upon claim 1 are instantly allowable for at least this reason. The cancellation of claims 20 and 21 obviates the rejection of these claims.

This rejection is believed to be overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Examiner is thanked for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 6, 2005 and August 10, 2005 and for making initialed PTO-1449 Forms of record in the application.

Prior art of record but not utilized is believed to be non-pertinent to the instant claims.

The rejection is believed to have been overcome, obviated or rendered moot and no issues remain. The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to place the application in condition for allowance and to issue a Notice of Allowability.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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